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The amendment filed on 08 May 2003, wherein instant claims 37-54 are drawn to a non-elected invention (a computer readable medium), is deemed non-responsive (M.P.E.P. § 821.03). Applicants are directed to Paper No. 14, mailed 19 April 2002, which indicates claims directed to a computer readable medium that stores instructions for molecular dynamic simulation are considered to correspond to the invention of Group I. Additionally, the "Petition Decision", mailed 22 November 2002, which applicants requested the withdrawal of the restriction requirement was **DENIED** with respect to claims directed to computer readable medium. Thus, instant claims 37-54 cannot be examined as the claims are directed to a non-elected invention.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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